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VALLEY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FRAUDULENT USE OF ANOTHER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

PHOENIX -- On April 17, 2007, Jorge Morales-Suquet admitted in United States District Court that he had fraudulently used the Social Security number of another person to obtain a car loan and to file a bankruptcy petition. Morales-Suquet was indicted by a federal grand jury in October, 2006 and was arrested on January 5, 2007. His guilty plea was entered before United States Magistrate Judge Michelle Burns.

As alleged in the indictment, in September, 2001 Morales-Suquet admitted to a state court judge that the Social Security number he had been claiming as his own had not been issued to him and that he was not legally in this country. During his guilty plea, Morales-Suquet admitted to Magistrate Judge Burns that he fraudulently used the Social Security number in June, 2002 to secure an automobile loan from Desert Schools Federal Credit Union and in April, 2005 to file a Chapter 7 petition in bankruptcy and discharge debt.

A conviction for making a false statement to a federal credit union carries a maximum penalty of 30 years, a \$1 million fine or both. The bankruptcy fraud count carries a maximum penalty of five years, a \$250,000 fine or both. Sentencing is scheduled for July 30, 2007 before United States District Judge Mary H. Murguia.

This investigation was conducted by the Office of Investigations of the Social Security Administration's Office of Inspector General. The prosecution is being handled by Frank T. Galati, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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